

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 20 July 1998
Name of applicant/court: The District Court at Blenheim
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Hot Video No 1
Other Known Titles: Hot Video (Exhibit 29)
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Reel Marketing
Author: Not Stated
Format: Booklet
Country of Origin: New Zealand
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Not Applicable	Running time:
Trailers:		Running time:
		Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

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Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The booklet *Hot Video No 1* is classified as:
Objectionable.

Hot Video No 1 promotes and supports the exploitation of young people for sexual purposes.

The booklet consists mainly of reviews of video recordings that explicitly depict sexual activities. In three of the reviews participants in sexual activities are described as schoolgirls, and in one instance female participants are clearly identified as sixteen years old. An order form briefly reiterates this information. Photographs which illustrate two of the reviews reinforce the emphasis on youth which appears in the text.

Throughout the booklet youthfulness is portrayed as a sexually desirable quality. Approving comments on youthful characteristics and scenarios which accentuate youth are common. The booklet presents girls in their mid-teens as sexually mature and avid for sexual activity. Such a presentation encourages the idea that young persons are legitimate sexual partners for adults.

The relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) have been considered. The publication has been found to promote and support an activity listed under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 and is deemed objectionable. The deeming provision of s3(2) is inconsistent with, and overrides, the rights and freedoms contained in s14 of the NZBR Act.

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